

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

1. Mayor Lisa Whitney called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Robert Carmichael, Lisa Whitney, Dave Keene, Jeff Robinson, Robert Howard. Member Absent: Joel Wardwell
3. Proceed to budget workshop regarding:
  - a. School Budget
    - Superintendent of Schools, James Boothby was unable to attend the meeting to review the school budget, but delivered information to the Town Manager of the overall school budget. Town Manager presented copies to Council members noting the total appropriation for 2009-2010 at \$5,378,158.37 a decrease of \$-46,620.13. There will be a town meeting at the Bucksport Middle School Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 6:00 PM to hear the Superintendent of Schools, James Boothby present the budget.
  - b. Revenues
    - Town Manager reviewed Revenue details as follows, noting the overall Revenue Budget is a decrease of (\$330,518) or -2.79%.
      - Property Tax – Schools, decreased (\$68,335) or -1.25%
      - Property Tax – Municipal, decrease (\$19,388) or -0.56+%
      - Interest on Investment, decreased (\$60,000) or -37.50%
      - Tax Lien Cost, increased \$1,004 or 13.39%
      - TIF Revenues, decreased (\$21,000) or -18.50%
      - Appropriation from Surplus, decreased (\$125,000) or -29.41%
      - General Assistance, decreased (\$1,000) or -20.00%
      - Maine Revenue Sharing, decreased (\$50,000) or -10.31%
      - Fire Protection Subsidies; increase \$1,022 or 4.04%
      - Ambulance User Fees, increase \$6,000 or 3.28%
      - Ambulance Subsidies, increase \$4,672 or 14.48%
      - Dispatch Subsidies, decrease (\$280) or -2.36%
      - Highway Block Grant, decrease (\$1,364) or -1.96%
      - Solid Waste Subsidies, increase \$178 or .21%
      - Recycling Revenue, decrease (\$9,500) or -50.00%
      - MCR Revenues, increase \$8,000 or 21.62%
      - Budgetary Solid Waste Revenues, increase \$5,426 or 8.97%
      - Recreation Subsidies, increase \$242 or 3.00%
      - Recreation Revenues, decrease (\$1,413) or -5.23%
      - Recreation Facility Rent, increase \$218 or 2.50%

TIF (projected) FY'09 balance carry forward \$163,390.50

Undesignated Fund Balance Policy at \$6,502,364  
Policy Fund Balance at \$2,308,697 or 55.1%

- e. Healthy Communities Operating Budget  
-Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition 2009-2010 budget at \$95,339; and Bucksport Youth Diversion Program budget at \$35,020.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition and Bucksport Youth Diversion Program budgets for the year 2009-2010.

- 4. Set preliminary municipal budget for the period 7-1-2009 to 6-30-2010

Town Manager indicated that the preliminary municipal budget for the period 7-1-2009 to 6-30-2010 is set at \$6,151,606 decrease from 2008-2009 (\$246,454) or 3.85%. However, would recommend approving a 2% step increase for Finance Director, which would increase the budget by \$900.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve preliminary municipal budget for the period 7-1-2009 to 6-30-2010 in the amount of \$6,152,506 including step increase for Finance Director, with a decrease from 2008-2009 in the amount of (\$247,354)

- 5. Set preliminary sewer operating budget for the period 7-1-2009 to 6-30-2010

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve preliminary sewer operating budget for the period of 7-1-2009 to 6-30-2010 in the amount of \$459,298 increase of \$777 or .17%.

- 6. Set preliminary Capital Improvement Plan for the period 7-1-2009 to 6-30-2010

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Capital Improvement Plan for the period 7-1-2009 to 6-30-2010 in the amount of \$566,000.

- 7. Consider Resolve #R-2009-122 authorizing Letter of Intent for a CDBG Business Assistance Grant for Lexington Outdoors Inc.

Town Manager reported that the application for CDBG Business Assistance Grant for Lexington Outdoors, Inc. has been withdrawn.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2009-123 authorizing interest in becoming a member of the Maine Downtown Network Program

Dave Milan, Economic Development Director reviewed the Maine Downtown Network Program noting the program serves as a resource, educator and advocate for strategies for downtown revitalization projects. The Maine Downtown Network Program also oversees and manages the Program. Cathy Hamburger, member of the Economic Development Committee spoke in favor of the program and said it would greatly benefit the community. Andy Lacher, also member of the Economic Development Committee and owner of Bookstacks also spoke in favor and noted that downtown businesses are struggling and sees this program as an opportunity.

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2009-123.

9. Consider issuing licenses and permits

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Richard Bowden, f/b/o American Legion Post #93, Memorial Day Parade Permit.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Dave Keene and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Greg & Leslie Wilson, d/b/a Beechwood Farm.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Laurie Seekins, d/b/a Waterworld II/Seekins, LLC.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Dave Keene and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Andrew Lacher, d/b/a Bookstacks, Inc.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Wayne & Lynn Hand, d/b/a Bucksport Golf Club.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Jennifer Pappas, d/b/a Crosby's Drive Inn.

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC, d/b/a Circle K #7060.

It was motioned by Robert Carmichael, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Jin Ming Chen, d/b/a Ming's Garden.

It was motioned by Dave Keene, seconded by Jeff Robinson and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for John Russell III, d/b/a Subway Sandwiches & Salads.

10. Discussion items

It was motioned by Jeff Robinson, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to suspend the rules to take up an item not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Robert Carmichael and unanimously voted to sign Warrant and Notice of Election calling RSU 25 budget validation to referendum.

11. It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes  
Council Secretary